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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Title: CHARACTERISING POLYPEPTIDES THROUGH CLEAVAGE AND MASS SPECTROMETRY

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O.Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated August 22, 2003, in which the claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 103 and 112, and certain claims were the subject of an objection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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